

## LATE NEWS

Happenings Over Commonwealth as Gleaned from Various Places

Dyersburg.—The West Tennessee Sunday School institute held a three-day session in Dyersburg with 110 delegates present.

Knoxville.—The Epworth League summer institute of the Holston conference started here with 500 delegates in attendance.

Huntingdon.—Circuit court convened here with Judge Thomas E. Harwood presiding and Attorney General Hillman Taylor representing the state.

Bristol.—F. I. Derby in connection with the American shorthorn breeders' association, will hold a sale of registered shorthorn cattle in Bristol July 26.

Morristown.—Mrs. F. Roger Miller has been officially notified by national headquarters of her appointment as local commissioner of the Girl Scouts of America.

Bristol.—A. W. Fisher, physical director of the local Young Men's Christian association, has been called to Port Oglethorpe where he will do association work.

Concord.—Arrangements are being made for the third annual reunion of Farragut graduates, former students and teachers, to be held at Farragut school August 11.

Jackson.—Under orders of the supreme court, as handed down in recent opinions, a big bunch of prisoners were removed to the state penitentiary at Nashville.

Maynardville.—Union county will receive mail by motor vehicle from Knoxville. The postoffice department has advertised for bids and will receive same until July 3.

Chattanooga.—Two chauffeurs, C. L. McClure and Ervin Starks, both members of Chattanooga families, met horrible deaths in an automobile accident near Rock Springs, on the Lafayette-Chattanooga road.

Dyersburg.—The merchants' association of Dyer county met at the courthouse to arrange for a market for the surplus potatoes of the county. Dyer county has what it never had before, a surplus food crop.

Ashland City.—The election held here for the purpose of voting on the issuance of ten thousand dollars in bonds for the erection of a high school building resulted practically unanimously in favor of the bonds.

Nashville.—Owners of stock throughout the territory traversed by the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway are asked to co-operate with the road in its efforts to reduce the damage to stock along its lines.

Nashville.—In connection with the plan to buy the Tennessee Central railroad, the Illinois Central railroad, according to a report published here, is planning to build a new line between Nashville and Chattanooga.

Trenton.—Major A. E. Frost, in charge of United States army recruiting in Memphis, will discuss at Trenton, July 18, some of the phases of American participation in the European war from a military standpoint.

Bristol.—The little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, of North Holston, Va., was killed by a boy about seven years of age with a shotgun. The body of the child was considerably mangled and death was instantaneous.

Selma.—Sheriff J. M. Gray has returned from Spivey, in the west end of this county, bringing with him Sam Coulter, a citizen of the third precinct of this county, who is charged with failing to register on June 5. This is the first "slacker" discovered in this county.

Newbern.—A good roads campaign is to be launched in Dyer county as soon as the farmers of the rural districts can work the crops. Owing to the farmers being late with work, many good roads have been neglected and continued rains have put the roads in bad condition.

Knoxville.—Rush Strong, slayer of S. B. Luttrell, Jr., prominent young business man and member of one of East Tennessee's most wealthy and aristocratic families, will not be given a new trial by Judge Nelson in the criminal court here. The case will be appealed to the state supreme court.

Chattanooga.—Lieut. Col. T. J. Kirkpatrick has assumed charge of the hospital at Fort Oglethorpe, which was formally converted into a base hospital. Col. Kirkpatrick has a staff of 25 surgeons and 10 female graduate nurses. The hospital is to be enlarged by 500 beds and several additional wards.

Memphis.—The county election board has set July 28—the day of the constitutional convention election—as the date for the special election for magistrate of the fifth district, to succeed the late fifth district. The vacancy has been determined.

Dyersburg.—Circuit court adjourned after having been in session only a few days.

Nashville.—The State Baptist Young Peoples' Union will hold the 1918 convention in Martin.

Nashville.—Gov. Rye has granted a pardon to George F. Weller of Marshall county, convicted of the unlawful sale of whisky.

Selmer.—The annual Lexington district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will be held at Hollow Rock, July 10-12.

Knoxville.—Greater Morristown became a reality when the extension of the municipality was approved at the polls by a majority of 160 votes.

Trezevant.—An election has been called for July 17, when the voters of Trezevant will be given an opportunity to vote on a bond issue for the water-works.

Jackson.—In the final day's shooting at the annual tournament of the Tennessee trapshooters' association J. H. Fite of Mount Pleasant won the state championship.

Chattanooga.—Charles Dunn, aged 41 years, was shot and instantly killed here by his brother-in-law, James K. Mathis. Family troubles are blamed for the tragedy.

Dyersburg.—A conference of West Tennessee agricultural agents was held in Dyersburg for the purpose of working out a plan to take care of the surplus crop of this section.

Selmer.—At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the McNairy county fair association it was unanimously voted to hold the annual meeting October 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Milan.—The First Baptist church at Milan has called Rev. J. H. Wright of Adamsville, Ky., to serve the pastorate. He is removing here and will take charge the first Sunday in July.

Nashville.—Capt. William J. Slater, a Confederate veteran and a former newspaper man, died at the Soldiers' Home. He was 85 years old and had been confined to his bed for about a year.

Paris.—Stars and Stripes will be raised over the Louisville & Nashville railroad shops in Paris on July 4, with appropriate ceremonies. Gov. Rye is expected to be present and deliver an address.

Huntingdon.—The engineer of drainage district No. 1 of Carroll county, has finished his plans for the reclaiming of about 12,500 acres of rich bottom land in this district and the construction of ditches will start at once.

Newbern.—The business men's clubs of Dyer county are making extensive arrangements to attend the meeting of the West Tennessee business men's league, which will convene at Trenton, beginning July 4, and continue for two days.

Nashville.—Edgar H. Ramsey of Nashville, official tester of the Davidson county cow testing association and an experienced creamery expert, has been appointed state dairy commissioner by Commissioner of Agriculture Bryson.

Bristol.—The Sycamore Shoals Chapter observed flag day by a trip to the home of Mrs. Sue Pemberton, in Holston Valley, where, under the great oak tree many centuries old, the marker of Col. John Pemberton was unveiled with patriotic exercises.

Knoxville.—President Gilbreath of the State Normal school at Johnson City announces that Prof. W. L. Gentry, a member of the state board of education and a member of the faculty of the normal, had accepted the presidency of Carson & Newman college.

Morristown.—The citizens of this and adjoining counties united in celebrating the one hundredth birthday of Wilson Carrow Witt, the oldest citizen in this section, and one held in very high esteem by everyone, who rejoiced with his that he was able to round out the century mark.

Morristown.—July Fourth will be the occasion of an event of supreme importance to the Boy Scouts of East Tennessee. Troops, individual scouts, and crack teams from all sections of East Tennessee will meet in Morristown in open competition for the highest honors in scout craft and athletics.

Nashville.—Officers were elected at the state Baptist Young People's union convention held in the Edgfield Baptist church, as follows: President, J. E. Lambdin, Knoxville; vice-presidents: East Tennessee, T. L. Cates, Knoxville; Middle Tennessee, H. L. McNeely, Orlinda; West Tennessee, J. A. Hanson, Memphis. Recording secretary, Eugene Alsop, Nashville; treasurer, Earl Robinson, Chattanooga. Group leaders: Chattanooga, Miss G. Robinson; Knoxville, Miss Pearl Davis; Memphis, G. H. Rutherford; Nashville, M. L. Sedberry.

Dyersburg.—A mass meeting was held at the courthouse here for the purpose of organizing a vigilance committee and home guard for the protection of Dyer county during the war.

Nashville.—After an exhaustive probe into the financial needs of Davidson county the tax levy committee of the county court, by a unanimous vote, adopted a partial schedule of taxes to be recommended to the court at its quarterly session in July. The list is complete in all items but one, the rate of levy for school purposes not having been determined.

## THE MAN WITHOUT A (COUNTRY) GARDEN



## EXPORT COUNCIL PLANNING POLICY

NEW EXPORT COUNCIL, SELECTED BY PRESIDENT, TAKES HOLD OF OPERATIONS.

## LICENSE SYSTEM PROBABLE

Recommends Series of Presidential Proclamations, Putting Council Into Full Operation—Special Divisions For Licenses.

Washington.—A general export policy to be pursued by the United States was taken up at the first meeting of the new export council created by President Wilson to advise him as to operation of the export control act.

No announcement was made after the conference, but it was learned the council will recommend immediately a series of presidential proclamations putting the measure into actual operation. Dr. Edward E. Pratt, chief of the commerce department's bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, which will do the administration work, has begun the organization of a special division of export licenses. The division, it was said, will be formed within a few days in time to proceed with them upon the issuing of the first proclamation. C. A. Richards, a New York ship man, it is understood, probably will head the new division.

The first proclamation probably will put under the licensing system coal and fuel, including bunkers. This virtually will give the government power to direct the movement of every vessel entering an American port. Ships will be kept in the trades which the government decides are most necessary in successfully waging the war.

Wheat and wheat products probably will be the next commodities whose shipments must be licensed. The world food situation, government experts declare, demands immediate control of food exports.

## DRAFT DOCTORS FOR ARMIES

General Medical Board of National Defense Asked to Apply Selective Draft for Physicians.

Washington.—Application of a selective draft to provide physicians and surgeons for the war armies was urged upon the Defense Council's General Medical board by officers of the medical section of the New York national defense committee.

Major Karl Connell, heading the New Yorkers, submitted data to prove that out of 140,000 doctors in the United States less than one-half are available or desirable for military service. He said the volunteer system failed to protect local medical needs and the policy of allowing or urging doctors to volunteer indiscriminately would result in confusion, waste and failure.

## RUSSIA NEEDS BIG ENGINES

With Motive Power to Move Food and Manufactured Goods, Military Success Is Sure.

Washington.—"Locomotives, locomotives and still more locomotives," are fundamental needs of Russia today, according to Prof. Lomonosoff, railroad minister with the Russian mission. "Quite frankly I can say to you, our American friends," he said, "give us locomotives and we shall give you military success."

## Palmer on Pershing's Staff.

Paris.—It is announced at American army headquarters that Major General Pershing had appointed Frederick Palmer, of New York, to his staff in the intelligence department, with the rank of major.

## American Soldier Wounded.

Paris.—Paul G. Osborne, of Montclair, N. J., a Dartmouth college man, who left Paris for the front last week with section 28 of the American field ambulance, has been wounded by shrapnel.

## SPAIN IS NEARING BIG REVOLUTION

ALL CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF GOVERNMENT ARE SUSPENDED BY ALFONSO.

## ARMY IS KING'S ONLY HOPE

Disorders and Outbursts Are Reported From Many Sections of the Kingdom—Premier Issues Official Note.

London.—King Alfonso is in a tight place. Having declared martial law in Spain, he must now depend upon his army to maintain order. But the army is far from loyal and anything is likely to happen to the country now.

Although there is much talk about pro-German influences inciting the people to disorder, and undoubtedly some of it is true, chaotic situation is due largely to domestic affairs. The army officers are supposed to be friendly toward Germany, but the real cause of their antagonism toward the king is his failure to grant their demands.

The antidynastic and prorepublican movement which has sprung up in Russia has spread westward and is beating hard against the wall of the Spanish monarchy. Socialism is infecting the ranks of the army and if the present situation continues King Alfonso will have the greatest trouble having his decrees enforced.

The whole question hinges on the extent to which the unrest spreads through the country. If it is merely of local character, there is little danger of a revolution, but if it becomes general the very introduction of martial law is almost certain to precipitate a revolt against the king.

## INSISTS—RUSSIA WILL STICK

Ambassador Assures United States Senate That His Country Will Not Desert Allies.

Washington.—In another stirring address at the capitol, Ambassador Bakhmeteff, of Russia's diplomatic mission, gave a solemn pledge that the Russian people and army, "convinced that a separate peace would mean the triumph of German autocracy," are prepared to fight on beside America until the world has been made safe for democracy.

The ambassador spoke before the senate and was given a reception almost as enthusiastic as that accorded him in the house. A resolution was adopted by unanimous consent expressing the senate's gratification over the stand of the newest democracy.

## CHIEF OF POLICE GUILTY.

Five Others were Convicted of Election Frauds.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Samuel V. Perrott, chief of police, and five others, were found guilty of conspiracy to commit election frauds in the 1914 registration.

The others who were convicted were Roy A. Pope, police captain; Wayland Sanders and Morton C. Hulse, police sergeants; Lee Stringer, city detective, and Herman F. Adam, city inspector of weights and measures.

## Designs Unsinkable Boat.

Rome.—Umberto Pugliese, naval engineer, has designed a new type of unsinkable cargo boat, which has been accepted by the Italian ministry of marine. The new design may be adopted by other allied nations.

## American Woodsmen Arrive.

London.—Ten units of American woodsmen, sent over by New England states, and organizations to turn various forests of the United Kingdom into lumber, have arrived on English soil.

## Plan Many Dispensaries.

Washington.—Establishment of dispensaries in all important seaports of the allied countries probably will be one of the first undertakings of the American Red Cross in administering the big war fund.

## COAL PRICES DROP FROM \$1 TO \$5 TON

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION LAYS LAW DOWN TO OPERATORS WITH GOOD RESULTS.

## MINE BARONS "GET THE IDEA"

Defense Council Performs First Great Benefit To the People "at Home." Reduction in Coal Prices Now in Full Effect.

Washington.—Sweeping reductions in the price of bituminous coal at all mines east of the Mississippi river, ranging from \$1 to \$5 a ton to the public, with a further cut of 50 cents for the government, were agreed upon at conferences between the operators and government officials. The new prices became effective July 1.

Four hundred operators, gathered at a call from Secretary Lane, and pledged themselves to furnish their product at a reasonable price. Representatives in the final conferences were present from each field. Earlier in the investigation they had agreed to place the price-fixing in the hands of the government, through the defense council's coal production committee, Secretary Lane and Commissioner Fort of the federal trade commission, thus avoiding the possibility of violating anti-trust laws.

Director Smith of the geological survey estimated that the reduced prices will mean that the operators will get \$180,000,000 less annually for their output and that the saving to the government and the coal consuming public will be even greater.

In addition to placing prices upon coal at the mines it was announced that jobbers, brokers, retailers and commission men would be permitted to charge commissions of not more than 25 cents a ton, and that no more than one commission should be charged.

In the final conferences trade secrets between competitors, cost prices and other confidential information was laid on the table, and the government, acting as judge, decided what would be the highest prices paid at mines.

Representatives from various states were asked to quote the minimum price at which they could furnish coal. The Clearfield district of Pennsylvania agreed to cut its price for coal as it was loaded at the mouth of the mine from \$5.25 to \$3, with \$3.50 for lump sizes. Tennessee came down from \$4.50 to \$3. Virginia did likewise. West Virginia reduced the current contract price of \$5.00 to \$3, and Illinois and Indiana reduced their prices to \$2.75 for coal as it came from the mine.

Alabama, which mines under different conditions, with special expenses, reduced its price from \$5.50 to \$3 at the lowest and \$4 at the highest. Maryland lowered its estimate from \$5.75 to the standard figure, \$3 and \$3.50.

## EXPOSES "RUSS" AGITATOR

King Leopold Sent Message Alleged Peace Advocate Was Reading to Delegates.

Washington.—How a Russian agitator for a separate peace with Germany was exposed as a German agent before the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates in Petrograd is related in a dispatch from Ambassador Francis.

The agitator, Nikolai Lenin, the radical socialist leader, made an impassioned speech in favor of a general peace without annexation or indemnity and was answered by M. Veirensky, who announced he would repeat Lenin's speech, and proceeded to read a document almost identical with it.

When M. Veirensky had concluded he announced that he had been reading an intercepted radio from Germany signed by King Leopold of Bavaria.

## EXPECTS 1,400 BIRDMEN

Government Wants to Graduate 200 Aviators Every Week After August 25.

Washington.—The government wants aviators and wants them badly, the committee of public information announces in a summary of what already has been accomplished in preparation for the great air service program now being mapped out.

Eight hundred men are now enrolled in preliminary instruction schools and the influx continues at the rate of 200 a week. After August 25 the government expects to graduate 200 students weekly into the advanced flying fields. It is expected that 1,400 men will be actually flying by Sept. 8.

## FEAR VILLA ATTACK.

Noted Bandit and Main Command Show Up Near Juarez.

El Paso, Texas.—Francisco Villa with his main command has appeared at Callego Station, 12 miles south of Juarez. Villa took possession of the railroad telegraph office and sent an insulting message to Juarez. All train service between Chihuahua City and the border has been suspended. Juarez officials fear Villa will attack the town in an effort to capture \$500,000 now in the custom house.

## AMERICAN TROOPS LANDED IN FRANCE

FRENCH PEOPLE WILD WITH JOY WHEN KHAKI CLAD REGULARS LEAVE TRANSPORTS.

## ANXIOUS TO REACH FRONT

Pershing Reviews His Legions With Pride—Only Impatience of Americans Is Caused By Delay in Reaching Firing Line.

A French seaport.—Marching to the strains of the "Stars and Stripes," the lusty seasoned regular army—Pershing's boys—proudly left the great gray transports—electrifying all Europe and proving decisively that your Uncle Samuel has determined to stamp Prussian militarism from the face of the earth.

Thousands of them came from out the misty vastness of the sea—a U-boat infested sea that held no terrors for these seasoned fighters—not a torpedo scratch on a transport; not a single man lost. Spick and span, with weather-browned faces, their eyes sparkling with fight, every one of them every inch a man, they tramped down the gangways into a pandemonium of unending cheers.

They are now in camp, itching to get to the front. The camp is not far from here. It is in charge of Gen. William L. Sibert, who came in command of the troops.

As these thousands of American fighting lads poured off the transports, scores of German prisoners stood on the pier. Teeth set, they looked half-always at these strapping newcomers. Those who watched these prisoners could discern a grudging admiration in their looks.

The remarkable thing about the scenes attending the real entrance of the United States into the world war through the safe arrival of the expeditionary force was the spontaneity, the touching warmth of their reception here.

The first transport stuck her gray nose into the harbor in the early morning. The piers were swarming with thousands. Of men there were few, of course, only aged and wounded; the others are at the front. The realization that these newcomers are shortly to fight side by side with the men of this port, who are already in the thick of battle, drove the women frantic with joy and gratitude.

The disembarkation passed off in the most orderly manner. There was not the slightest hitch. Ship after ship slipped into her berth, discharging men and equipment. Confusion seemed an unknown quantity to these khaki-clad youths and their officers.

## BULGARIANS FEAR KAISER

Balkan Power May Be Compelled by Kaiser to Break With United States.

Copenhagen.—Although Bulgaria is opposed to breaking off relations with the United States the fear is expressed according to information reaching here that Premier Radoslawoff may have been compelled to make concessions for which he went to Berlin, a sacrifice of American relations as part payment.

The influences against a break with the United States are of a twin nature, one-half of a sentimental character, based on influence of the American Robert college education upon many prominent men on old and new Bulgaria and upon the respect for the far-away republic with no ax to grind in Bulgaria; one-half, wholly practical, inspired by the belief that capital from the same republic may after the war prove highly advantageous to the development of Bulgaria without risking economic existence.

## TO CONDEMN CAMP GROUNDS

Federal Authorities Plan to Stop Grant of Land Owners by Condemning and Buying Sites.

Washington.—Land owners who try to throw obstacles in the way of Uncle Sam in securing land for any camps for training or maneuvering purposes will have little chance to delay the army under a bill, which has been passed. The bill was sought to remove a cloud from the title of 3,000 acres of land at Fort Logan H. Roots, near Little Rock, and to condemn 10,000 acres for a cantonment.

The new law provides that when the secretary of war cannot secure the land needed for military purposes, either training camp or otherwise, he can condemn it outright and have a jury fix the price in the regular way.

## TENNESSEAN INVENTS GUN.

Claims He Can Fire 280 Shots a Minute at Germans.

Newbern, Tenn.—A rapid fire gun, which is claimed, will shoot 280 shots per minute, has been invented by Hirschel Dennison, a farmer, residing north of here.

Mr. Dennison has taken his invention to St. Louis, where he hopes to take first steps toward having the invention adopted by the war department, and used in the war against Germany.